

KEY MEDICARE DATES FOR 2005

People with Medicare, mark your calendars!



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JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
<p>Starting January 1, you have several new ways to stay healthy and independent with our Medicare Prevention and Screening Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Welcome to Medicare” Physical Exam • Cholesterol and other Cardiovascular Screening • Diabetes Screening 			<p>Look on www.medicare.gov to see if you might be eligible for extra help paying for your prescription drugs.</p>
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<p>Watch your mail for information from Social Security about applying for extra help with drug plan costs.</p>	<p>Watch your mail for a letter from Medicare. Letters will be sent to anyone who will be automatically enrolled in the Medicare Drug Benefit Program.</p>		
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	<p>Watch the mail for “Medicare & You” Handbook.</p> <p>People who have retiree health benefits should watch the mail for information from their former employer or union.</p> <p>Starting October 13, you can compare the benefits from Medicare Prescription Drug Plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit www.medicare.gov, or • Call 1-800-MEDICARE 	<p>Starting November 15, you can enroll in the Medicare Drug Plan that’s right for you.</p>	